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Visiting St Michael's School
on Palm Island

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends and Caregivers

Ignatius Park College acknowledges that the land we meet on today is the traditional lands for the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their Country. We also acknowledge the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People as the traditional custodians of the Townsville region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Bindal and Wulgurukaba People today.

This week, our students have participated in a variety of activities. These included our senior Hospitality students working in the kitchen at the Sea World Nara Resort on the Gold Coast; students visiting St Michael's School on Palm Island supporting the children; riding in the Townsville to Cairns Bike Ride to raise money for childhood cancer, playing Rugby League in the Semi-Finals for the Aaron Payne Cup; Finals for soccer in Cairns, students preparing for Mulkadee on Friday evening and students cooking breakfast for the homeless in South Townsville. We value that every experience is an opportunity to learn. The term *social pedagogy* calls us to see every day of our life as a potential learning opportunity to stimulate curiosity and connect students with their physical and social environment. I remember, as a student, thoroughly enjoying Physics classes, where we explored new inventions in the scientific world and had to try and explain the mystery of science.

In order to learn we must explore and venture into the unknown. Tom Senninger (2000), a German Adventurer, developed a Learning Zone Model which comprised of three zones: the Comfort Zone, the Learning Zone and the Panic Zone. He stated that we already know our immediate surroundings, which form our Comfort Zone. This could be the zone where we feel comfortable with our learning and are not really challenged. This Comfort Zone is where things are familiar to us and we don't have to take any risks. The Comfort Zone is important, because it gives us a place to return to, to reflect and make sense of things – a safe haven.

We know it is always easy to stay in our Comfort Zone and we must leave it in order to get to know the unknown. It is this leaving the Comfort Zone, our secure environment, that forces us to really learn. Senninger calls this the Learning Zone, as this is the zone where we live out our curiosity and make new discoveries. We slowly expand our own Comfort Zone by becoming more familiar with more things. Going into our Learning Zone is a borderline experience where we explore the edge of our abilities, our limits and see how far we can move from our Comfort Zone. This process requires our students to push themselves to new areas of learning, to view things differently, to inquire the reason why, and to find solutions to a problem.



A Catholic Secondary College in the Edmund Rice Tradition

The Edmund Rice Community acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the College stands, the Bindal and Wulgurukaba People, and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future.

From the Principal (continued)

Senninger stated that outside the Learning Zone lies the Panic Zone, wherein learning is seemingly impossible, as it is blocked with a sense of fear. Any learning connected with negative emotions is memorised in a part of the human brain that we can access only in similar emotional situations. Experiences of being in our Panic Zones are frequently traumatic, and any sense of curiosity is shut down by a need to get out of our Panic Zone. In this situation, students become stressed as they believe they don't have the ability to complete a task. Therefore, we should aim to get close to, but not into, our Panic Zone.

It is our aim, as a College community, to provide opportunities both inside and outside the classroom for our students grow to transition from their unique Comfort Zone into a Learning Zone – a zone that challenges them, that allows them to be confident to take risks and be problem solvers who are resilient and open minded to new ideas.

This week, we welcome Ms Kelly Gervasoni to the Ignatius Park community. Ms Gervasoni has taught at Loretto College in Ballarat and on the Gold Coast. She will be teaching Mathematics.

As mentioned, eleven of our students travelled to St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island. This is now the seventh year our boys have attended this event. It provides an opportunity for our students to connect with the school community, to learn about their culture, the history of the island, and to challenge and breakdown stereotypes. Thank you to Mr Andrew Kirkpatrick who organised the visit to Palm Island and the following students who attended: Jye Washbourne, Darcy Rediccliffe, Tom Harte, Bryce Kenyon, Jack Thomson, Parth Jhamb, Connor Whiteside, Maletino Lafoga, Aka Fota Pio, Jarred Copley and Nathan Clohesy.

This morning, I was privileged to witness fifteen Ignatius Park students commence the 350 kilometre Townville to Cairns Bike Ride. This event is a charity that supports the Childhood Cancer Institute. The group named 'The Galahs' were eager to start their first leg of the ride to Ingham. The Galahs will then ride to Innisfail, which is the longest distance of the ride covering 170 kilometres. They then ride over the Cardwell Range, and on the final day, ride to Cairns. The College has participated in this event for seven years and have raised over \$100,000. This year the students have raised over \$20,000 so far and have trained over 3,000 hours for this challenging event. I would like to thank the teachers who are not only supervising the students by riding entire route: Mr Paul Bruce, Mr Darren Spina, Mrs Jodie Roberts and Mr Brian Geaney in the support vehicle. The students participating are: Reuben Roberts, Nathan Ryland, Curtis James, Callum James, Julian Fusco-Wright, Isaac Truett, Kieran Truett, Andrew Edmonds, Darcy Cussen, Max Sosnowski, Drew Roberts, Zac Bennett, Lincoln Burrowes, Duke Fleming and Tehano Guillian. The money raised will support further research into childhood cancer that takes the life of over 1,000 children in Australia every year.

This week, we have some thirty students participating in Mulkadee 2019 at the Townsville Entertainment Centre. This event showcases the skills of string, choir, guitar, dance, band and drama. The Mulkadee experience highlights the importance of developing creative learning in our students and the enormous talent that exists in our Catholic schools in the Diocese. Thank you to Mrs Kylie Tillack, Mrs Fleur Hislop and Mr Leo Hogan who are supervising the students.

Next week is Catholic Education Week which celebrates the faith-based education that our 306 Catholic schools in Queensland offer. Some 1 in 5 Queenslanders attend Catholic schools and next week the College will be celebrating our strong sense of community, commitment to social justice, our inclusivity and stewardship for the earth through many activities that will occur in the College next week. Catholic Education week commences on Sunday, 28 July 2019.

Reminder: our Subject Showcase for Year 7, 9 and 10 students is next Tuesday, 30 July from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the Edmund Rice Hall. This is an important information night for students selecting subjects in 2020.

*If you want to feel secure
Do what you already know how to do.
But if you want to grow...
Go to the cutting edge of your competence,
Which means a temporary loss of security.
So, whenever you don't quite know
What you are doing
Know
That you are growing...'
(Viscott, 2003)*

Live Jesus in Our Hearts, Forever

Shaun Clarke | Principal



Identity and Mission

Awareness

Participating in social justice is a Christian tradition inspired by Jesus, not liberal causes, populist agendas, media platforms, lawmakers, or mainstream fads. It's a deeply spiritual practice.

(Stephen Mattson)

Deepening

Social commitment is a specific feature of today's young people...who are ready to commit themselves to initiatives of voluntary work, active citizenship and social solidarity, and they need to be accompanied and encouraged, so as to bring out their talents, skills and creativity and to provide incentives for them to assume responsibility. Social commitment and direct contact with the poor remain a fundamental opportunity for discovery or deepening of faith and discernment of vocation.

(#46, Final Document of the Synod of Bishops on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment)

Responding

In what ways does EREA live the commitment to social justice embodied in the life of Jesus and those who have followed his example?

How do the young people in our communities provide encouragement for us through their commitment to voluntary work, active citizenship and social solidarity?

How might I accompany the young people in my community on their journey of social commitment?



For more prayers like the above, download the EREA Touchstones App. It is free!!

Faith in Action hours contribute to the Paddy Carew Shield totals this year, so make sure you are volunteering and recording your hours in your Diary. Bring your Diary to the Identity and Mission Office to ensure your points are added to your House totals.

Townsville Drop In Centre Visits are open to the Year 12 students in Weeks 3 to 5. If students are attending they are to meet the group (reminder emailed the day before) at 7.30am at the HiAce car park near the Pool. Students are required to cook and serve breakfast, engage in conversations with the community and the volunteers/staff and attend an information session. Students will be back at school by 10.30am, ready to learn. If you are interested, check your timetable for the best day and sign up at the Identity and Mission Office.

Upcoming events

Week 3 – Catholic Education Week

There will be activities for all students Tuesday to Friday of Week 3:

- Monday – Catholic Education Week Mass (13 students to attend at the Cathedral)
- Chill out Tuesday (different types of contemplative prayer/meditation)
- Wizarding Wednesday – The Gospel according to Harry Potter
- Thoughtful Thursday – Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBB) workshop
- Football Friday – Create a 'sockball' and play football how the majority of the world does

See posters around the College for times. Most activities are in Our Lady of the Mount Chapel or the surrounds.

Week 5 – Anniversary Mass

Thursday 15 August, 11am in the Edmund Rice Hall. This is also the Feast of The Assumption. Bishop Timothy Harris, Fr Rod Ward and other clergy will celebrate this important Mass with us. All are **welcome**.

Those who work for justice will shine like stars for eternity. (Da



**Join us
for Mass**

Wednesday Mornings
8am

Our Lady of the Mount Chapel

Microsoft Tools

I recently had the opportunity to sit in on a Webinar about the free tools available in Microsoft that can assist in accessibility. The link attached is where you can go to learn more about the tools available in Microsoft, click [here](#).

Take the time to look through the page and see what might be helpful for you or your son. Happy learning!

Nadine Burnett | Program Leader - Learning Enrichment (Acting)

Co-Curricular

Townsville Bike Ride to Cairns

The Townsville to Cairns riders are off tomorrow to pedal 350 kms. The team has raised over \$21, 000 so far for the Children's Cancer Institute. Cancer kills more children in Australia than any other disease. Three children die each week in Australia from Cancer, which is too many. With contributions of fundraising like those from our IPC Team, one day research will ensure no child succumbs to this disease.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets in our raffles. Congratulations to Will Bennet from Year 11 who won the giant 4.5 kg Toblerone.

Jodie Roberts | Pastoral Leader - Baillie House



St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island

Last week, a group of students and staff travelled to St Michael's Catholic School on Palm Island. This day is an annual event that has been happening for the past seven years. It is used as an opportunity for IPC students to develop as young men. All students gain something unique from the experience which differs from student to student. It may be exposure to Palm Island, embracing a different style of school, connecting to and enjoying the company of the friendly students, learning about culture and the issues that residents face. Students also learned some history about Palm Island and previous government policies which shaped Palm and many similar communities across the country. This excursion is directly relevant to our Touchstones and ethos as an EREA school. The opportunity to arrange and facilitate it is greatly appreciated.

As they do every year, all IPC students represented themselves, their families and their school proudly and were a credit to themselves.

Andrew Kirkpatrick | Program Leader - Indigenous and Multicultural



Rowing

Please see our latest Rowing Newsletter.

Please click [here](#) to download and view.

Tracy Klaasen | Rowing Co-ordinator

FEATHER
 Ignatius Park College, St Margaret Mary's College, St Patrick's College
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Debating

Our Senior Debaters have done it again and have defeated Grammar in the quarter finals of the Townsville Interschool Debating Competition. Samuel Smith, Bryce Kenyon, Joshua Pether and Andrew Jones successfully argued the affirmative side of the topic that *the public lives of public figures should be open to press scrutiny*.

They now move on to the semi-final round where they come up against another Grammar team to battle it out for a spot in the grand final!

Marita Martinez | Debating Co-ordinator



Time Capsule

Please encourage your son to be part of Iggy Park history! This competition is open to all our current students.

We are also asking our Old Boys to reflect on their journey by writing a story, poem or letter, 'Life of an Iggy Man'

Marg Hodgson | Deputy Principal - Community and Staff Development

Be a Part of
HISTORY

You are invited to
 write a story, poem or letter titled

Life of an Iggy Boy

The best from each year level will be placed in the Time Capsule with your photo.

You will receive a certificate and an invitation to the

Time Capsule Burial

Entries must be submitted by
Wednesday 7 August

to the College Office or
 emailed to trisha.forman@ipc.qld.edu.au

Defence News - Deployment and Absences:

Hello to all our Australian Defence Force families.

Can you please let me know if you have an ADF family member away on deployment or training exercises. I would like to ensure all our students are supported during what can be a challenging time. This allows them the chance, if they wish, to share their experience with other students going through similar events. Additionally, if you are having difficulties or would like a chat, please come in and see me, or contact me via phone or email.

My contact details are:

Email: leanne.mahoney@ipc.qld.edu.au

Phone: 4796 0222

Leanne Mahoney | Defence School Mentor



Defence Careers

Defence Force Recruiting are running a Navy Careers Information Session next week:

Navy Career Information Session

Date: Thursday 1 August, 2019

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Townsville – 71 Stanley Street, Townsville QLD 4810

Defence Force Recruiting has a number of Navy priority roles that we are looking for right now that will be covered in this session:

Electronics Technician

The Electronics Technician (ET) sailor's employment requires them to be adept at operating, monitoring and maintaining equipment in a wide and diverse range of platforms both in a seagoing and shore-based environment. As maintainers and operators, ETs are required to operate and monitor equipment performance to identify trends which have the potential to impact on the operational capability of a ship and initiate corrective action when required. As part of their maintenance function, they are required to conduct routine planned maintenance, attend to breakdown maintenance, and assist contractors in higher level maintenance.

Find out more about Electronics Technician [here](#).

Chef

A Chef (known in the Navy as a Maritime Logistics Chef) is responsible for the preparation of all food in varying conditions. Be part of the team whose role is a lot more than just food. Your shipmates, at all levels, look forward to mealtimes, so keeping high morale and optimised health are an essential part of the job.

Find out more about Chef [here](#).

ADF Gap Year Electronics Engineer Submariner

The ADF Gap Year Navy Officer program provides young Australians who meet Officer Entry requirements an opportunity to broaden their life experience with only a one year commitment. The program offers a 'try before you buy' experience of Navy Officer training and lifestyle for young men and women, without any obligation to serve beyond the program period. The program offers workplace experiences within various Navy career streams that are the same as those undertaken by full-time members of the Navy.

Find out more about ADF Gap Year Electronics Engineer Submariner [here](#).

Should you have any questions regarding the Navy Careers Information Session or Defence jobs, please feel free to reach out to us through cpttownsville@dfrc.com.au

Leanne Mahoney | Defence School Mentor

TOWNSVILLE: NAVY CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION

Defence Force Recruiting would like to invite you to the upcoming Navy Careers Information Session in Townsville.

Thursday 1st August 2019, 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Defence Force Recruiting Townsville – 71 Stanley Street, Townsville

We will have special guest speakers from the Navy including a Submariner and Maritime Logistics Personnel. The team will be able to give you first-hand knowledge of what life is like as a Submariner and will also share experiences of surface fleet.

The event is designed to be more of a chat, there will be a short presentation at the start followed by time to ask one-on-one questions of the guest speakers.

Toast Room

The Toast Room is in desperate need of donations of spreads.

Kraft Cream Cheese, Strawberry Jam and Vegemite are the popular choices. Nothing containing nuts please.

Kay O'Connor | Tuckshop Convenor



Blue Wall

This year the following groups and individuals have been recognised with successful Blue Wall nominations:

Atticus D'Mello - Outstanding contribution to the IPC Community

IPC State Rowing Team - Sportsmanship, commitment and conduct

James Oh - Powerlifting National Record

William Costigan and Ryan Connolly - Kokoda Track

Thomas Turner - State, National and International performance in Go Karting

First VIII Rugby League - Conducting themselves in an exemplary manner

Congratulations to all recipients.

Craig Brown | Dean of Well Being

Privacy Notice

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools.

This notice is to inform Parents and Caregivers that the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), has requested the College to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. The College may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, parental occupation and parental education. Please note the data provided to ACARA is de-identified personal information.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the EREA Privacy Policy for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

EREA's Privacy Policy is accessible [here](#), via the College website or from the College office. If you do not want the College to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

Paul Fanning | Business Manager

Bishop's Appeal for Diocesan Ministries

The annual Bishop's Appeal for Diocesan Ministries is now on. This appeal directly assists the diocese operate vital ministries. These include: Chaplaincy services to prisons and hospitals, Promotion of Social Justice and Multicultural Ministry, Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, Ecumenical and Interfaith activities, Youth Ministry initiatives, Faith education and formation for Adults and liturgical training and Vocations awareness.

Please support this appeal by your generous contribution to allow Bishop Tim to continue this great work in the Diocese and be part of the mission of the Church.



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STUDY SMARTER NOT HARDER

Hack Your Study!

Join Dr Kai Yang Chen, a psychiatrist, in this fully interactive, evidence-based course to study smarter

For Year 10 to Year 12

Last course for 2019

- Unlock More Memory
- Time Management
- Learn to Focus

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10 Aug 2019 (Sat)
James Cook University
11am – 3pm

Only \$220. Lunch included

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PlayConnect Playgroup In an inclusive playgroup for all children with a focus for families of children aged 0-6 years with **developmental delays** or **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** in communication, behaviour or social skills.

PlayConnect is a welcoming place and a great way for families to connect with others, share knowledge and experiences and make friends in an environment of fun and mutual understanding.

It is **FREE** to attend and is an early intervention strategy funded by the Federal Government. More information is available at www.playconnect.com.au.

Children do not require a formal diagnosis or referral to attend.

PlayConnect is a playgroup for the whole family and siblings and carers are also welcome and included at PlayConnect.

Where: Currajong State School OHSC, Tippett Street, Currajong.

When: Every Tuesday (during terms) 9.30am – 11.30am

Email: parentconnect@cootharinga.org.au

Phone: (07) 4759 2008 or 0439 182 567

Please bring food, beverages, a change of clothes and hat for your child/children.



MyTime
supporting parents of children with disabilities
An initiative of the Parenting Research Centre



Where: OHSC at Currajong State School
Entrance: via Tippett St, Currajong
Time: Thursday fortnightly 9:30am – 11:30am



Contact Jane or Danielle if there are specific needs or requirements to assist you and your family to maximise the most from the sessions t: 07 4759 2008
Please bring food, beverages, a change of clothes and hat for your child/children

Find us on Facebook @parentconnectng

Our vision: "Building a better world with people of all abilities"



Are you able to offer industry placement to Ignatius Park College students?

We are in need of all kinds of businesses for industry placement for our students.

For more information, please contact Julie Owen on 4796 0222 or julie.owen@IPC.qld.edu.au